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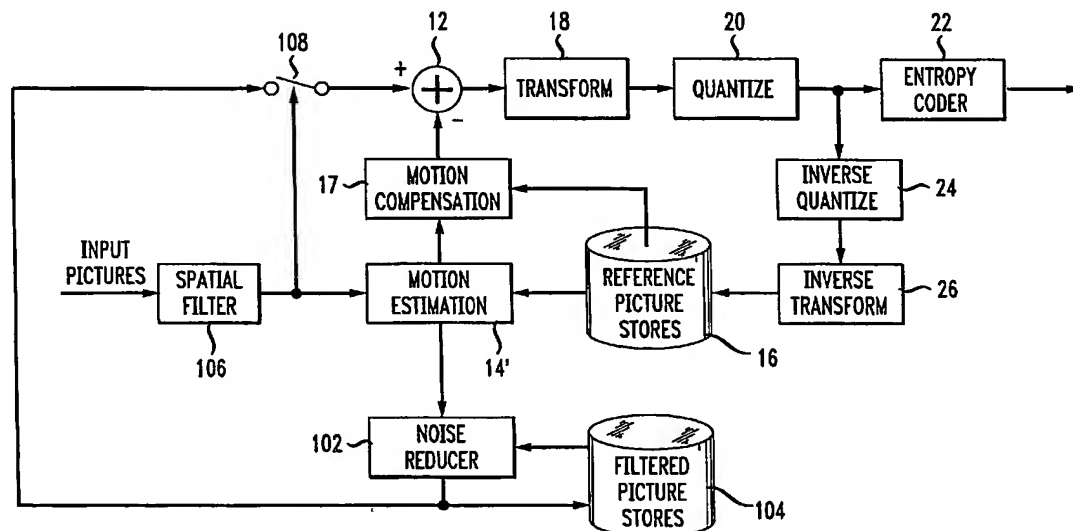
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(57) Abstract: Noise reduction is achieved during video encoding with low complexity by making use of the motion estimation decision sets for noise reduction. Motion estimation is performed N times (where N is integer) on each macroblock to yield N sets of motion estimation data, each set including a reference picture index and a motion vector. Typically, although not necessarily, each set of motion estimation data makes use of a different reference picture. For each macroblock, the N sets of motion estimation data are used to create a noise-reduced macroblock, which is then encoded.

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